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Dear Frank:

I am glad to get your letter of yesterday, not only to hear how you are all getting on at home, but particularly in reference to the letters and papers of Mr. Jackson, which were entrusted to me by Mrs. Eddy. It was an impudent thing on the part of Mr. Palmer to come out to the house, and make a demand for them; and it was a downright falsehood that he told when he said that I promised them to him. I have never interchanged a word with him on the subject! Can anything be more brazen than this? I am sorry you let him have any of the papers; and that you did not tell him you had no authority in the premises, and must wait until my return home. But I am glad you so winnowed the heap as to give him only the chaff. No doubt

he will see or suspect what you have done, and may make another application. If so, I will dispose of it in accordance with its merits.

Tell your mother - (1) that I meant to have the letter I wrote to her at Hartford to reach her on Sunday morning; and why it did not, I cannot divine. But I ~~wanted~~<sup>tried</sup> to be punctual. (2) That, riding out ~~with~~ George and Mr. Mc Kim to Orange in the cars, I opened ~~and~~ and read her last letter to me, in which she informed me that dear Lucretia Mott and Mrs. Davis had called and dined at Rockledge; expressing the hope that I should meet with them at Orange. It was a curious coincidence that they were at that time sitting by my side. They came to see us, with Mr. and Mrs. Lord, last evening; and we had a very gratifying interview. To-day Lucretia and Mrs. Davis go on their way to Philadelphia. (3)

that I left Paterson yesterday at 2 P. M., Mr. Benson very reluctantly consenting to my leaving him so soon. He thinks so much of us all that I have no doubt both he and his wife will come to us occasionally for a social visit. He has written a letter to your mother, which I will try with me. He is very anxious for her restoration, and is endeavoring to see what can be done to that end. He is peculiar in some things, but a man evidently of spotless integrity and admirable characteristics.

I am most agreeably relieved to hear that your party went off so successfully, and that you had no serious drawback in regard to the weather. It seems that Hattie, Louisa, and Alice Curtis made a very handsome and attractive trio on the occasion. I still regret that I could not be present to share in the general enjoyment, and very sorry to learn that Ellie was de-

barred from participating in it on account of her sick headache. The disappointment must have been very great to you all, as well as to her and William.

I regret to hear of the illness of Agnes, but trust it will pass off lightly. She appears to be constitutionally susceptible to disease, and will need careful nursing. Mr. and Mrs. McKim argue strenuously against all use of medicines, and in favor of leaving "nature" to do its own curative work.

I have seen Harry this forenoon for the first time since I came, and read Fanny's interesting letter about the jubilation at Rockledge. I hope the baby will remember, in her old age, having participated in it. Harry appears well and buoyant, and this afternoon we are going to make calls together. He fully expects to be with us Thanksgiving Day, with George. Uncle Henry has just called in, but will return to-morrow. I shall leave for home Saturday morning.  
Yours ever loving & affectionate.